CLAIMS

1.   (Currently amended) A system for automatically retrieving and playing

multimedia files ~~including video information~~, comprising:

a network access~~an~~ interface through which access to a data network may be attained;

a processing module configured to search the data network for a first multimedia file and

to return information including an identifier of said first multimedia file, a location of said first

multimedia file and a datum relating to a schedule of the availability of said multimedia file,

wherein said processing module is further configured to categorize said first multimedia file and

create categorization information relating to said first multimedia file;

~~a scheduler which is configurable to receive a listing of multimedia files including video~~

~~information, organized according to predetermined categories, which are accessible on at least~~

~~one multimedia website;~~

a selection interface in communication with said processing module which provides for

presentation of the returned information~~the listing~~, and is configured to receive and process a

selection~~selections~~ for accessing a selected multimedia file from the data network~~files including~~

~~video information from the at least one multimedia website~~ and compile~~compiling~~ a download

schedule; and

a file download device in communication with the selection interface which, ~~which~~ based

on the download schedule, automatically accesses said first multimedia file at said location

through said network access interface~~the remote sites though the interface~~ and downloads the

selected multimedia file ~~including video information~~.

2.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 further including a centralized

location on the data network employable to search the data network for a second multimedia file, receive information including an identifier of said second multimedia file, a location of said second multimedia file, a datum relating to a schedule of availability of said second multimedia file and categorization information relating to said second multimedia file, and provide said information to the processing module.~~website employable for generating the listing based on connections established with the at least one multimedia website and providing the listing to the scheduler.~~

3.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the data network is the Internet.

4.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the interface, <u>processing module</u>~~scheduler~~, selection interface, and download device are configured on a personal computer.

5.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein at least one of: the <u>processing module</u>~~scheduler~~, the selection interface, and the file download device are configured as plugins in a web browser installed in the personal computer.

6.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the selection interface includes at least one of:

a first selection for real time play of <u>said first</u>~~the~~ multimedia <u>file</u>~~files~~ which <u>is</u>~~are~~ downloaded; and

a second selection for storing in a memory <u>said first</u>~~the~~ multimedia <u>file</u>~~files~~ which <u>is</u>~~are~~ downloaded in memory.

7.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein an interface is provided for <u>restricting</u>~~selecting~~ categories <u>of multimedia files to be presented by the selection interface.</u>~~from which the listing is created.~~

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8.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 6 further including a memory to which said first~~the~~ multimedia file~~files~~ may be downloaded.

9.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 6 wherein the system includes a media player for playing said first~~the~~ multimedia file~~files~~ in real time.

10.   (Currently amended) A method of retrieving multimedia files ~~including video information~~ over a data network from a remote site in connection with the data network, comprising the steps of:

providing a central processor for searching a multimedia website for a multimedia file and a schedule of the availability of said multimedia file, categorizing said multimedia file, and creating a listing containing information relating to said multimedia file;

~~receiving a listing for the multimedia files for accessing multimedia files including video information on at least one multimedia website;~~

presenting an interactive interface which includes the listing and through which individual selections may be made for downloading the multimedia files ~~including video information~~ from the at least one multimedia website;

receiving an input through the interactive interface selecting a particular number of the multimedia files ~~including video information~~ from the listing;

compiling a download schedule based on the received input~~inputs~~, wherein the schedule includes a description of the multimedia file selected, day and time for the download, and download information; and

based on the input~~inputs~~ received through the interface, accessing and downloading over the data network, the selected multimedia files from the selected remote sites.

11.   (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising at least one of the following

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additional steps:

storing the multimedia files in memory; and

playing the selected multimedia files.

12.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein only a predetermined number of multimedia files may be stored in memory.

13.   (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the multimedia files are retrieved according to a time schedule.

14.   (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the data network is the Internet.

15.   (Canceled)

16.   (Previously presented): The method of claim 13 wherein any scheduling conflicts between the downloading of multimedia files are detected and the downloading is rescheduled as necessary to resolve conflicts.

17.   (Original): The method of claim 10 wherein the listing is created based on topical categories.

18.   (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein the topical categories are amended based on the received inputs.

19.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the listing is created and transmitted automatically on a periodic basis.

20.   (New) A system for automatically retrieving and playing multimedia files, comprising:

a network access interface through which access to a data network may be attained;

a scheduler configured to search a website for a multimedia file, obtain a schedule of availability of said multimedia file, categorize said multimedia file and create a first list

containing information about said multimedia file;

a selection interface in communication with said scheduler which provides for presentation of said first list to a user, and is configured to receive and process user inputs for accessing multimedia files from said website and compile a user download schedule; and

a file download device in communication with said selection interface, which, based on said user download schedule, automatically accesses said selected multimedia file through said network access interface.

21. (New) The system of claim 20, wherein said scheduler is further configured to receive a second list created by an entity in the data network, different than said website searched for said multimedia file, said second list including an identifier of a multimedia file from said entity in the data network and wherein said scheduler is also configured to receive a schedule, created by said entity in the data network, of the availability of said multimedia file from said entity in the data network.